

ORDINANCE 2003-Or-____
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**Amending Title 5, Chapter 91 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances
relating to Permit Fees.**

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 91.15 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.15. Fee refunds. There shall be no refund of any permit fee or plan checking fee collected by the director of inspections in accordance with this chapter when the amount of the fee so collected is fifty dollars (\$50.00) or less. However, claims for full refund of permit fees only, based on department of inspections error, may be granted. For permits which are cancelled after issuance, where no authorized work has begun, a refund of fifty (50) per cent of the permit fees claimed in excess of fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be granted less a processing fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00); in no case shall such fees retained by the director of inspections exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00), if no work has been started. If any work authorized by a permit has been started, the department may retain a percentage of the fee for such permit over and above the one-hundred-dollar (\$100.00) maximum set out herein commensurate with the percentage of the work completed.

The director of inspections shall cause to be placed in the director of inspections' office notices of such size and readability that persons making application for permits and paying the fees therefor shall be notified of the refund policies of the department.

All claims for refunds of permit fees in accordance with this section shall be made to the director of inspections within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days of the payment of said fees.

Refunds due under the foregoing provisions shall be made upon written request of the permit applicant. The city finance officer shall refund such monies by issuing a check to the applicant for the refund amount due, upon receipt of a check request approved by the director of inspections. Said request shall contain the name and address of the permit applicant, the permit number, and the amount of refund due under this section.

~~Should the director of inspections determine that an exceptional situation exists, or should the permit applicant argue extenuating circumstances, then the matter of refund due shall be brought before the standing committee on claims to determine appropriate relief and thereafter make recommendations to the full city council for approval or denial of the refund amount to be paid.~~

Section 2. That Section 91.20 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.20. Street permits. The director of inspections, before issuing any permit for the use or occupancy of any portion of any street, shall require the payment by the applicant for such permit, in the manner herein provided, of a fee in the amount of ~~forty-four dollars (\$44.00)~~ fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first fifty (50) lineal feet, or fraction thereof, of such use or occupancy, and for each additional fifty (50) feet, or fraction thereof, ~~twenty-two dollars (\$22.00)~~ shall be added to the above prescribed fee for such permit. Notwithstanding the aforementioned fees as set out in this section, the fee for placing a proper building refuse container (dumpster), or a portable, temporary storage container on the street, to be used ~~to store refuse from during the course~~ of a building project on a one- or two-family dwelling, shall be fifteen dollars (\$15.00).

Section 3. That Section 91.40 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.40. Minimum fee. ~~In no case shall the fee charged for any permit issued by the director of inspections be less than thirty-six dollars (\$36.00) for any work to be done and for which a permit is required.~~ For any work to be done for which a permit is required, and for which a permit fee has not been established by some other section of this Code, statute, rule, or ordinance, the minimum fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00).

Section 4. That Section 91.50 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.50. When fees doubled. Should any person begin work of a kind for which a permit from the director of inspections is required by this Code without having secured the necessary permit therefor from the director of inspections ~~either previous to or during the day where such work is commenced or on the next succeeding business day where work is commenced on a Saturday or on a Sunday or a holiday~~, that person shall, when subsequently securing such permit, be required to pay double the fees provided for such permit, and shall be subject to all the penal provisions of said Code.

Section 5. That Section 91.70 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.70. Unit based permit fee surcharge. The minimum fee as shown in section 91.40 and permit fees calculated on a unit item basis, as shown in sections 91.150, 91.190, 91.210, 91.220, 91.260, 91.270, 91.280, 91.320, 91.330, 91.380, 91.410, 91.420, 91.465, 91.570, ~~91.680, 91.685, 91.690, 91.700, 91.710~~, 91.810, 91.820, and 91.830, shall be subject to a surcharge based on annual increases in the construction cost index (CCI) as published quarterly by the Engineering News

Record. Such surcharge shall be effective on April first of each year based on the construction cost index for the period ending December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

For purposes of determining the surcharge, the fees stated in those sections above shall be first adjusted April 1, 1996, on the basis that no CCI adjustment was required prior to January 1, 1995. Such surcharge will be rounded off to the nearest one percent.

Section 6. That Section 91.95 of the above-entitled ordinance be deleted:

~~**91.95. Exceptions.** Work conducted under a weatherization program financed through the City of Minneapolis or any of its agencies and operated by a contractee of the City of Minneapolis or any of its agencies is exempt from the usual permit fees defined by this chapter. Instead, permit fees will be required under a schedule of fees adopted by the city council as part of the weatherization contract with the contractee.~~

Section 7. That Section 91.150 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.150. Fee schedule. Electrical fees shall be paid according to the following schedule:

(1) The minimum fee for each separate installation, replacement, alteration or repair as set out in the state building code shall be . . . \$~~36~~50.00

(2) Services, changes of services, temporary services, additions, alterations or repairs on either primary or secondary services . . . 50.00

(3) Circuits, installations of, additions, alterations or repairs of each circuit or subfeeder shall be computed separately including circuits fed from subfeeders and including the equipment served. Further, when a service is installed, each new or existing branch circuit or feeder circuit connected to the service panelboard(s) or switchboard(s) shall be included . . . 8.75

(4) For each permit for wiring, installing and connecting transformers, capacitors or generators used for lighting, heat or power or other apparatus rated in watts, kilovolt amperes or kilovolt amperes reactive:

For each kilovolt ampere or kilovolt ampere reactive capacity, or fraction thereof there shall be a fee of . . . 0.65

(5) For each sign or outline lighting installation . . . 31.25

(6) For installation of low voltage systems of less than 50 volts . . . 37.50

Plus, for each opening . . . 1.25

(7) For inspection of transient projects, including but not limited to carnivals and circuses, the inspection fees shall be computed based on the time required for inspection at the hourly rate specified in section 91.105. Power supply units, as required by this section. A like fee will be required on power supply units at each engagement during the season.

(8) Electrical construction work. The fee for electrical construction work directly related to and necessary for a complete electrical installation and for which a permit fee has not been assessed, shall be computed based on the time required for inspection at the hourly rate specified in section 91.105.

Section 8. That Section 91.190 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended to read as follows:

91.190. Basic fees. (a) The fees for all plumbing permits shall be computed on the basis of the number of fixture openings, plumbing fixtures or devices provided for in such permits, and the fee for each shall be as follows:

- (1) Plumbing fixture installed, including waste and/or vent piping . . . \$25.00
- (2) Plumbing fixture set only . . . 25.00
- (3) Waste and vent piping only . . . 25.00
- (4) Rainwater leader, for 10 stories or fraction thereof . . . 25.00

(b) For the purpose of calculating fees, plumbing fixtures counts include but are not limited to lavatories, water closets, bath tubs, dishwashers, disposals, ice makers, sumps, floor drains, indirect wastes, heat exchangers, sewer ejectors, solar heat exchangers, receiving tanks, cross-connection control devices, water-treating devices, electric or steam water heaters, water storage tanks and food service equipment when connected to the water supply.

(c) Water service, supply and distribution system. The director of inspections, before issuing any permit for the installation or replacement of, or extension to any water service, water supply or water distribution pipe or system of piping in any building or structure, shall require the payment by the applicant for such permit of fees in the amount hereinafter provided:

- (1) For any permit for installing a water meter or fire meter . . . \$25.00
- (2) For any permit for installing, repairing, overhauling, or testing of reduced-pressure-zone (RPZ) backflow preventers . . . 25.00

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(3) For any permit for replacing or extending water distribution piping for each one hundred (100) lineal feet or fraction thereof . . . 25.00

(4) For any extension of the water pipe to a water-using device or fixture for which a plumbing permit is required, such plumbing permit and the fee paid shall cover the installation of both the device or fixture and the water piping for such device or fixture (subject to minimum fees, section 91.40).

Section 9. That Article X of the above-entitled ordinance be deleted:

~~ARTICLE X. PLASTER, STUCCO AND LATHING PERMIT FEES~~

~~91.670. Fees required.~~ The director of inspections, before issuing any permit for plastering or stucco work or the refinishing of exterior stucco, or for any lathing work, or for the installation of gypsum wallboard where it is used as a component of a required sound or fire resistive assembly in other than one or two family dwellings or their accessory buildings, shall require the payment by the applicant for any such permit of fees in the amounts herein provided.

~~91.680. Plastering or stucco work.~~ The fee for each permit for plastering or stucco work shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each five hundred (500) square yards, or fraction thereof, of plastering or stucco work covered by such permit.

~~91.685. Spray-on plaster finish for fire-proofing.~~ Whenever spray-on plaster finish is required for fire-proofing ratings or purposes, the fee for such plastering shall be forty three dollars and seventy five cents (\$43.75) for each five hundred (500) square yards, or fraction thereof, of spray-on plaster finish covered by such permit.

~~91.690. Refinishing exterior stucco.~~ The fee for each permit for refinishing exterior stucco shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each five hundred (500) square yards, or fraction thereof, of stucco refinishing covered by such permit.

~~91.700. Lathing work.~~ (a) For any permit for the installation of wood, wire and metal lath erected by nails and staples, to which plastic material is to be applied, the fee shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each five hundred (500) square yards, or fraction thereof, of such lathing covered by such permit.

(b) For any permit for the installation of lathing and for the erection and installation of light iron construction or light iron partitions, erected for the purpose of receiving metal lath, to which plastic material is to be applied, the fee shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) for each five hundred (500) square yards, or fraction thereof, including the metal lath to be so installed and supported.

~~91.710. Fire-resistive or sound-rated gypsum.~~ The fee for each permit for the installation of fire-resistive or sound-rated gypsum drywall systems shall be thirteen dollars and seventy-five cents (\$13.75) for the first one thousand (1,000) square yards of surface area or fraction thereof, and seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) for each additional one thousand (1,000) square yards of surface area or fraction thereof.

~~91.720. Reserved.~~